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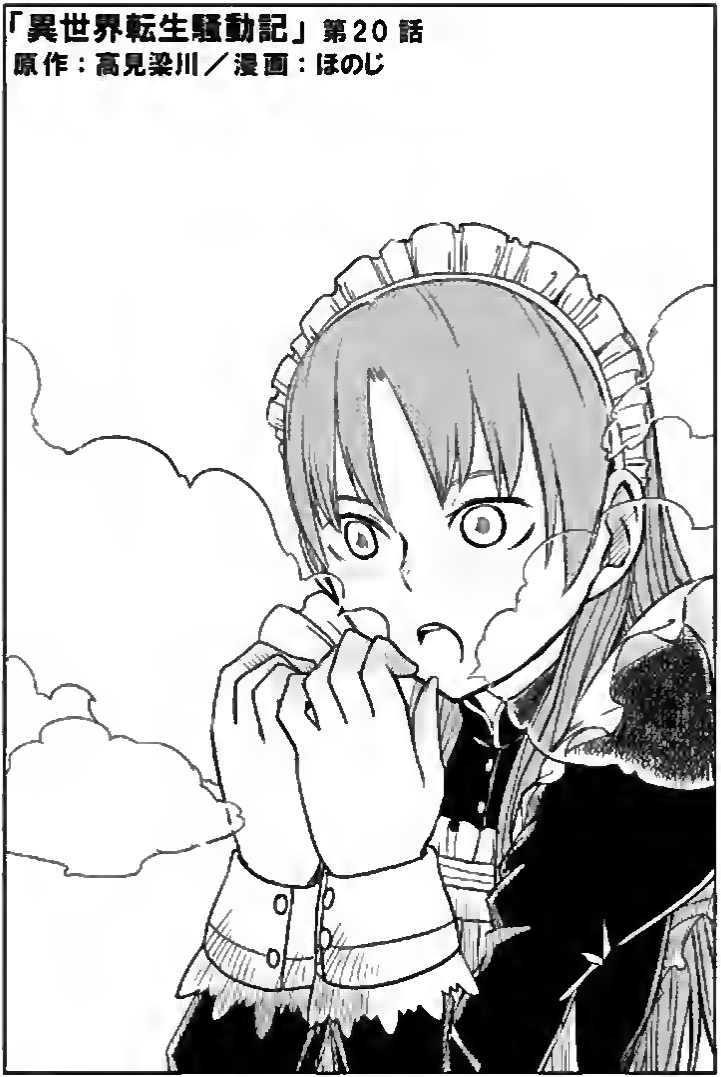

YOUNG MASTE~R!
KNIGHT SCHOOL
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING NOW?
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HUH
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT THIS MIGHT HELP LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD
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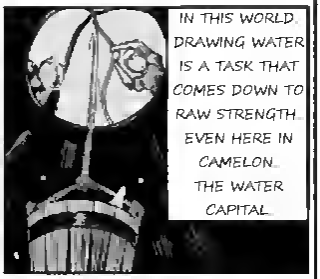
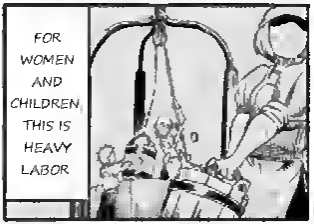
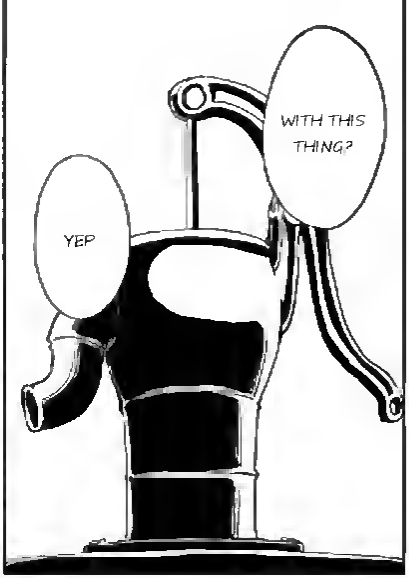
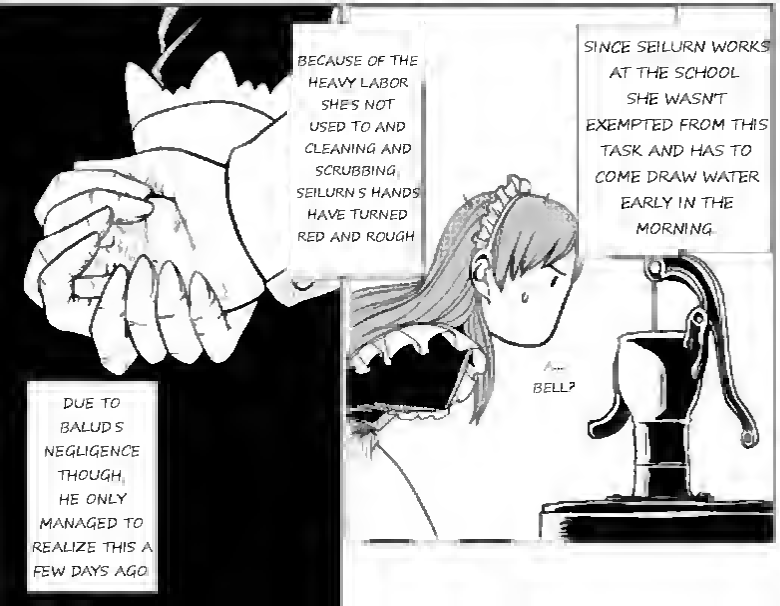
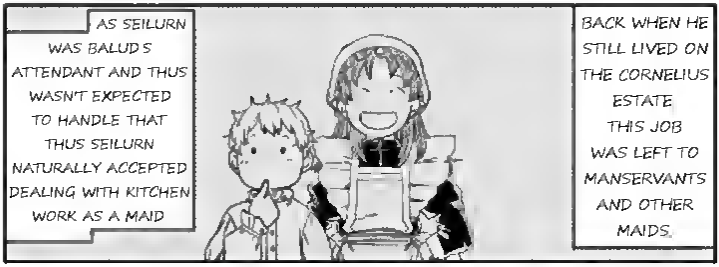

IN THIS WORLD, DRAWING WATER IS A TASK THAT COMES DOWN TO RAW STRENGTH. EVEN HERE IN CAMELON, THE WATER CAPITAL.


FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THIS IS HEAVY LABOR.


WITH THIS THING?
YEP


BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY LABOR, SHE'S NOT USED TO AND CLEANING AND SCRUBBING, SEILURN'S HANDS HAVE TURNED RED AND ROUGH.
SINCE SEILURN WORKS AT THE SCHOOL, SHE WASN'T EXEMPTED FROM THIS TASK AND HAS TO COME DRAW WATER EARLY IN THE MORNING.
...BELL?
DUE TO BALUD'S NEGLIGENCE THOUGH, HE ONLY MANAGED TO REALIZE THIS A FEW DAYS AGO.


AS SEILURN WAS BALUD'S ATTENDANT AND THUS WASN'T EXPECTED TO HANDLE THAT THUS SEILURN NATURALLY ACCEPTED DEALING WITH KITCHEN WORK AS A MAID
BACK WHEN HE STILL LIVED ON THE CORNELIUS ESTATE THIS JOB WAS LEFT TO MANSERVANTS AND OTHER MAIDS.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MODERN KNOWLEDGE!
HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT BALUD WOULD ACCEPT THAT AS BEING NORMAL WAS A WHOLE OTHER MATTER.
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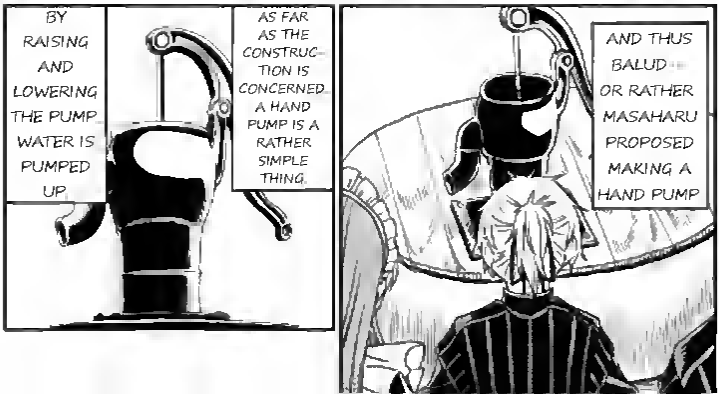
BY RAISING AND LOWERING THE PUMP WATER IS PUMPED UP.
AS FAR AS THE CONSTRUCTION IS CONCERNED A HAND PUMP IS A RATHER SIMPLE THING.
AND THUS BALUD— OR RATHER MASAHARU PROPOSED MAKING A HAND PUMP.

I JUST HAVE TO MOVE THIS UP AND DOWN?
YEP... JUST TRY IT.
O-OKAY
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WOAH!
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THAT'S AMAZING... IT'S SO SIMPLE...
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AND YOU CARRY IT BACK ON THIS?
WOAH! THIS IS EASY!
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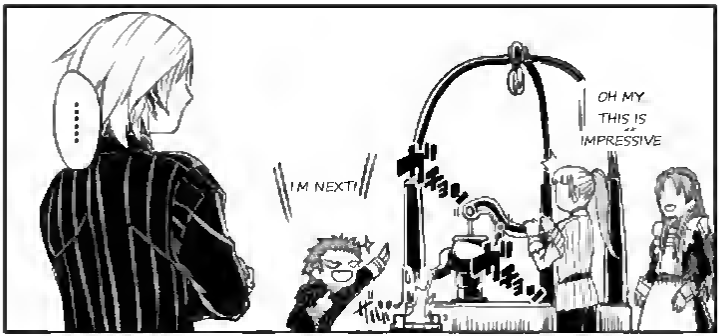
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I'M NEXT!
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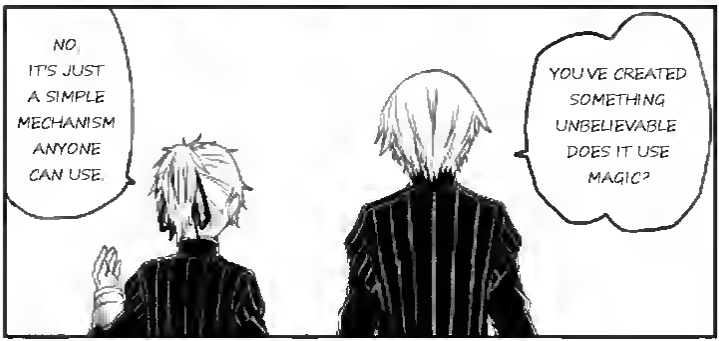
OH MY
THIS IS
IMPRESSIVE


NO,
IT'S JUST
A SIMPLE
MECHANISM
ANYONE
CAN USE.
YOU'VE CREATED
SOMETHING
UNBELIEVABLE
DOES IT USE
MAGIC?

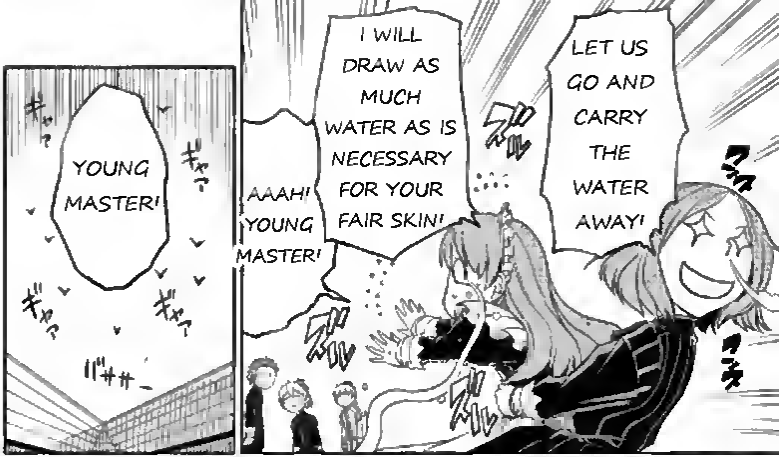
DOES HE
UNDERSTAND
JUST HOW
IMPORTANT
THIS THING IS?

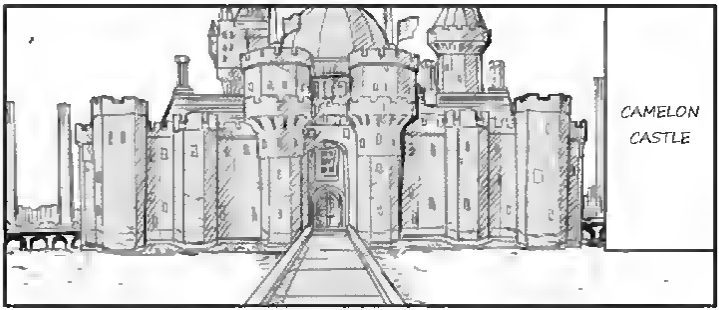
ANYONE,
HUH?
I'VE
CHANGED
THE WORLD
YET AGAIN.

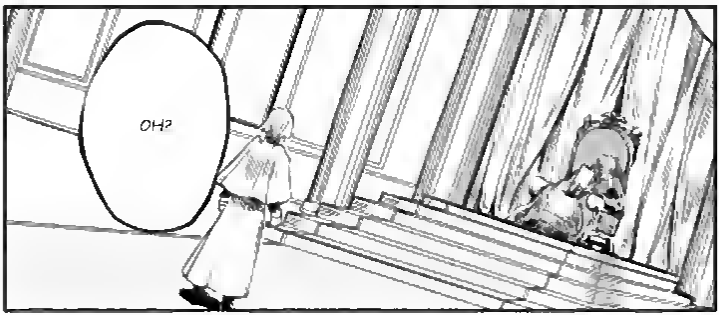
WAS IT HARD MAKING THAT DEVICE?
IT'S RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO MAKE SO YOU COULD MASS PRODUCE IT.
...AL-RIGHT.
I WILL TALK TO MY FATHER
SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAKE AS MANY AS YOU CAN.
MM... WELL...
SO HE REALLY IS INTERESTED
I DIDN'T REALLY INTEND ON MAKING MONEY WITH THIS
BUT GETTING THE ROYAL FAMILY'S ATTENTION MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA

YOUNG MASTER!
MONEY! MONEY!
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN JUST DO THIS WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM...
I WASN'T THE ONE TO ACTUALLY BUILD IT. SO I WILL NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT FIRST.
ARE YOU PLOTTING SOMETHING?
OF COURSE NOT.
SO THIS IS SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT? I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO MEET THEM
I'VE HAD MY EYES ON HER FOR SOME TIME.
IS IT THAT MERCHANT? THE LADY PRESIDENT OF THAT COMPANY?

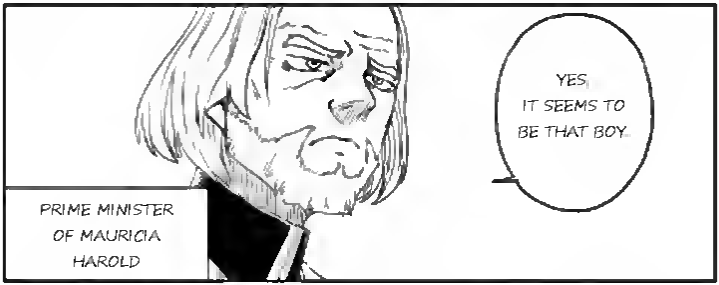
I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE HER TYPE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
SHE'LL REJECT YOU.
THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT BY THAT!
SHUT UP!
WELL WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW, SEI.
AH! YOUNG MASTER, PLEASE WAIT!
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
HEHEHE WHERE ARE YOU TRYING TO GO?

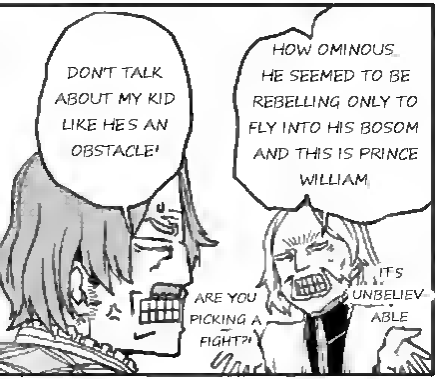

YOUNG MASTER!
AAAH! YOUNG MASTER!
I WILL DRAW AS MUCH WATER AS IS NECESSARY FOR YOUR FAIR SKIN!
LET US GO AND CARRY THE WATER AWAY!

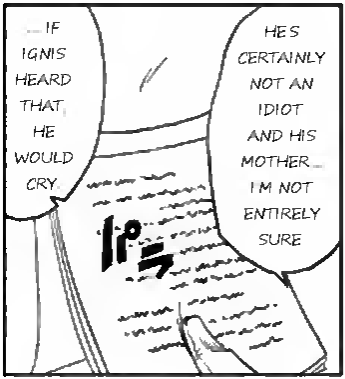

CAMELON CASTLE


OH?

SO SOMEONE'S TAKEN WILLIAM BY THE REINS?
KING OF MAURICIA
WELKIN V


YES, IT SEEMS TO BE THAT BOY.
PRIME MINISTER OF MAURICIA
HAROLD


DON'T TALK ABOUT MY KID LIKE HE'S AN OBSTACLE!
HOW OMINOUS... HE SEEMED TO BE REBELLING ONLY TO FLY INTO HIS BOSOM AND THIS IS PRINCE WILLIAM.
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT?!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE


...IF IGNIS HEARD THAT, HE WOULD CRY.
HE'S CERTAINLY NOT AN IDIOT AND HIS MOTHER... I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE
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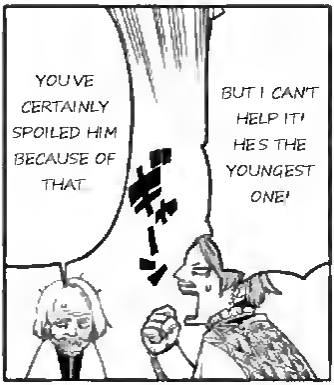
YOU'VE CERTAINLY SPOILED HIM BECAUSE OF THAT.
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT! HE'S THE YOUNGEST ONE!
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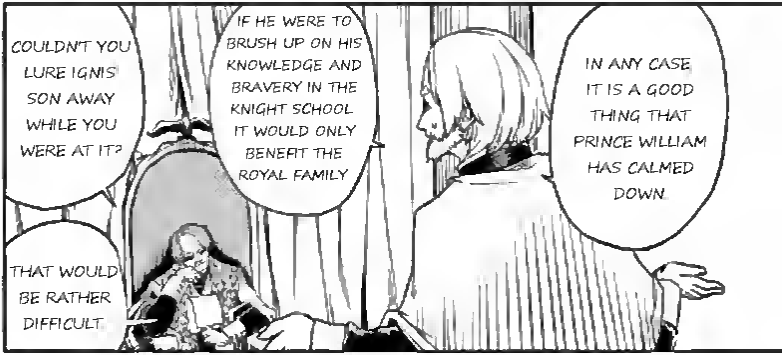
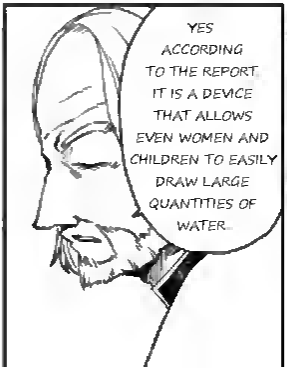
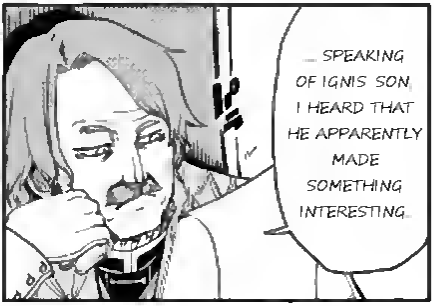
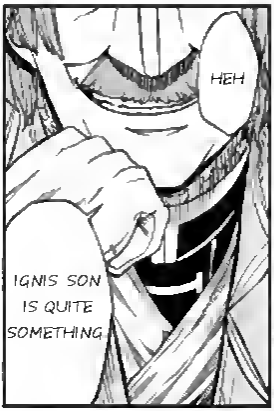
I'M SORRY FOR THAT!
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU PERMANENTLY CRIPPLED YOUR HIGHNESS?

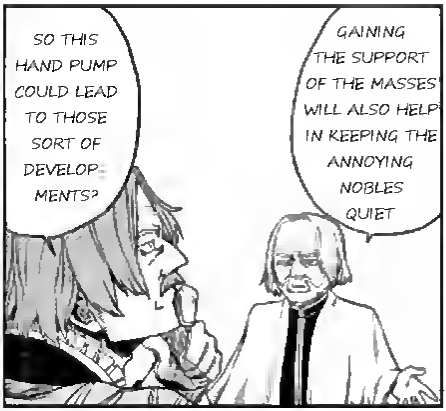

COULDN'T YOU LURE IGNIS' SON AWAY WHILE YOU WERE AT IT?
IF HE WERE TO BRUSH UP ON HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BRAVERY IN THE KNIGHT SCHOOL IT WOULD ONLY BENEFIT THE ROYAL FAMILY
IN ANY CASE, IT IS A GOOD THING THAT PRINCE WILLIAM HAS CALMED DOWN.
THAT WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT.


YES. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IT IS A DEVICE THAT ALLOWS EVEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO EASILY DRAW LARGE QUANTITIES OF WATER.

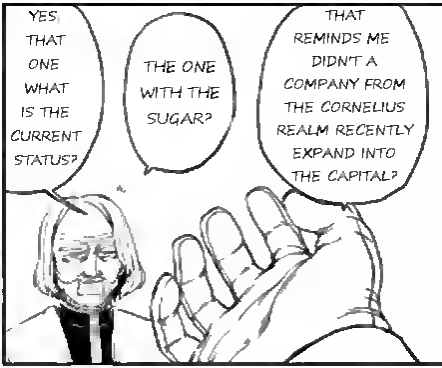

—SPEAKING OF IGNIS' SON, I HEARD THAT HE APPARENTLY MADE SOMETHING INTERESTING.

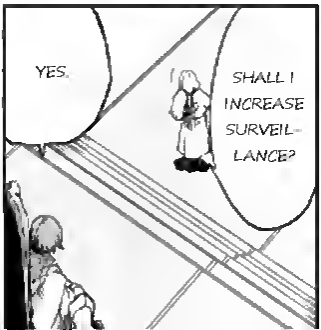
OH?
HMM
WITH MAGIC?
NO
REALLY?!
REALLY
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU USE IT, IT COULD AFFECT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
THIS IS QUITE ALARMING
AND IT'S OBVIOUS HOW THE POPULACE WILL REACT TO ALL OF THIS MANPOWER BEING FREED UP
THIS CAN GREATLY INCREASE A COUNTRY'S MIGHT
IF THERE IS A MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF DRAWING WATER THAN RELYING ON MANPOWER
THE MANPOWER THAT WAS RESERVED FOR THAT CAN INSTEAD BE USED ON MANUFACTURING

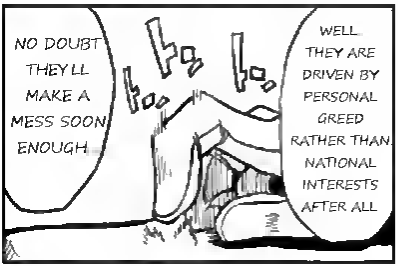

HEH
IGNIS SON IS QUITE SOMETHING


SO THIS HAND PUMP COULD LEAD TO THOSE SORT OF DEVELOPMENTS?
GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE MASSES WILL ALSO HELP IN KEEPING THE ANNOYING NOBLES QUIET

THEY DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF IT BEING SOLD OFF TO FOREIGN MARKETS THROUGH THE DOWDING COMPANY
THE BUREAUCRATS ARE DEMANDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUGAR TO COMMERCIALIZE IT. AS YOU WOULD EXPECT


YES. THAT ONE WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS?
THE ONE WITH THE SUGAR?
THAT REMINDS ME DIDN'T A COMPANY FROM THE CORNELIUS REALM RECENTLY EXPAND INTO THE CAPITAL?


YES.
SHALL I INCREASE SURVEILLANCE?


NO DOUBT THEY'LL MAKE A MESS SOON ENOUGH.
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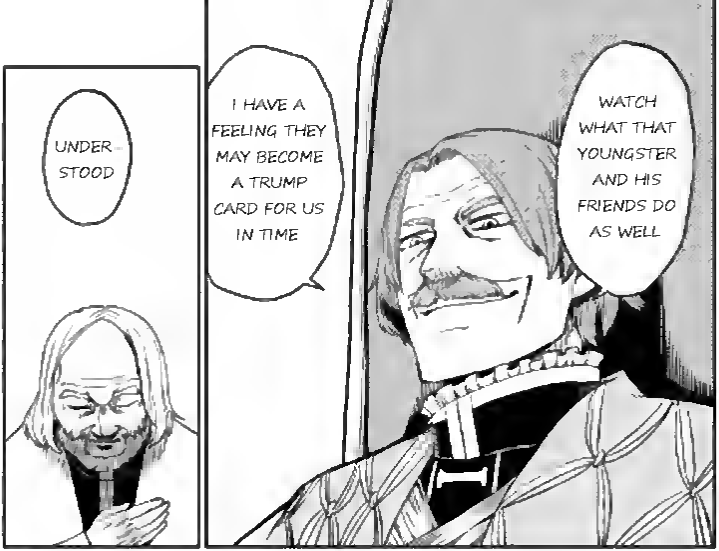
WELL. THEY ARE DRIVEN BY PERSONAL GREED RATHER THAN NATIONAL INTERESTS AFTER ALL


UNDER-
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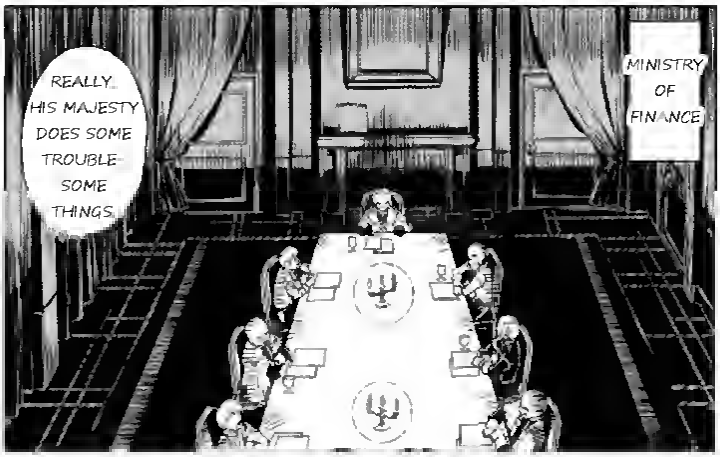
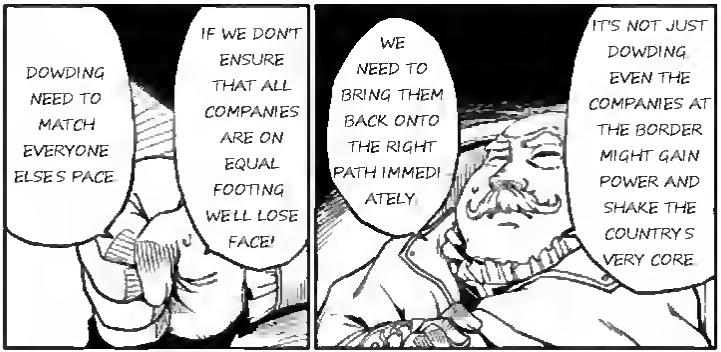
I HAVE A FEELING THEY MAY BECOME A TRUMP CARD FOR US IN TIME
WATCH WHAT THAT YOUNGSTER AND HIS FRIENDS DO AS WELL


REALLY... HIS MAJESTY DOES SOME TROUBLE-SOME THINGS.
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

IF THE DOWDING COMPANY KEEPS GROWING THE ECONOMY WILL CEASE TO BE COMPETITIVE!
HONESTLY, HE SHOULD CONSIDER OUR FEELINGS AS THE ONES THAT MANAGE THE COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
THERE IS NO NEED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF UPSTARTS AND THE BARBARIANS FROM THE BORDER
WHAT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?
... IT SEEMS THAT THAT WAS TRULY THE HARDEST BLOW.
TRUE
DOWDING COMPANY'S CRAN DYING IN AN ACCIDENT
WE LOST OUR CONTACT WITH THE COMPANY WITH THAT.
SO WHY DOES HIS MAJESTY JUST IGNORE IT?
WE CAN'T JUST OVERLOOK AS ONE COMPANY OBTAINS THAT MUCH POWER.
AT THIS RATE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE DEMANDS OF THEM OR EXPECT ANY BRIBES!

EVER SINCE CRAN DIED WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF THE COMPANY.
WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION THEY'LL BRIBE BOTH HERE AND ABROAD.
HOW VEXING.


IT'S NOT JUST DOWDING. EVEN THE COMPANIES AT THE BORDER MIGHT GAIN POWER AND SHAKE THE COUNTRY'S VERY CORE.
WE NEED TO BRING THEM BACK ONTO THE RIGHT PATH IMMEDIATELY.
IF WE DON'T ENSURE THAT ALL COMPANIES ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING WE'LL LOSE FACE!
DOWDING NEED TO MATCH EVERYONE ELSE'S PACE.

WHY NOT PASS A LAW TO GET RID OF THEIR MONOPOLY?
NO. THEY OFFER TOO MANY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.
IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG. A NUMBER OF EXISTING RIGHTS WILL BE LOST.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE CAN'T MAKE KNOCK-OFFS OF THE GOODS THEY ARE SELLING!
THAT HAIR CLEANSER IS ESPECIALLY BAD!
WHAT ABOUT LOANING TO OTHER COMPANIES AT A LOW RATE?
THIS ISN'T AN ISSUE THAT CAN BE SOLVED BY THROWING MONEY AT IT.
AND WE CAN'T LAY A FINGER OF THEM BECAUSE OF IT...
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THEY HAVE THE ATTENTION OF MANY NOBLES WITH THAT THING

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT WE TARGET THE WEAKEST LINK THEN
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DOWDING ARE WORKING WITH A SMALL COMPANY... ARE THEY NOT?
AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS COMPANY IS HEADED BY A SINGLE GIRL
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT MARQUIS MALLORY?
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF INFORMATION.
SOME WORTHLESS COMPANY FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE IS PARTNERED WITH THEM LIKE EQUALS.
IT'S POINTLESS TO GO AT THEM HEAD-ON
WE'VE COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE SAVARAN COMPANY IN THE PAST BUT...

THERE'S NO END TO WHAT WE CAN TRY DOING
IF WE'RE GOING FOR THAT GIRL HOWEVER
IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO WOULD RISK IT?
BUT WHO WILL GO OUT AND DO THIS?
LET ME INTRO-DUCE HIM
COME IN
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT I'VE ALREADY MADE ARRANGE-MENTS

THIS YOUNG MAN HERE IS BARON BALL CURRENT HEAD OF THE NEVIS HOUSE
HE WILL BRAVELY GO FORTH AND DEAL WITH THIS MATTER
UM...
I HEARD THAT THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF SOMETHING INTERESTING (PROFITABLE) HERE...
HUH?
WHAT'S BRAVERY GOT TO DO WITH THIS?